

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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As I have stated numerous times in the past, I believe the Sheriff's Department current practice of early release is unacceptable. This Board has previously approved the funding necessary to add over 4,474 jail beds into the system as of July 2006, for total of 22,000 beds, which is equivalent to the beds in the system in 2001. Additionally, I am concerned that the Sheriff's Department is not taking into account the criminal history of inmates as part of their criteria for determining who is eligible for early release. The practice of reviewing criminal histories must be instituted to better protect the community from career criminals. Moreover, this Board needs better information from the Sheriff and Chief Administrative Office regarding exactly what is needed to get back to pre-2002 early release levels taking into account the fact that our inmate population has grown to approximately 90% unsentenced felons.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE, that the Board request the Sheriff to report back in 14 days on the ability of the department to reinstitute reviewing criminal history as part of the criteria used to determine early release.

I, FURTHER MOVE, that the Board request the Sheriff, in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer, to review and report back in 30 days on the actual impact the 4474 jail beds will have on reducing the Sheriff's early release program.

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